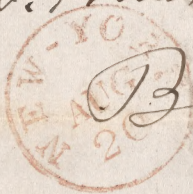

Rev. Amos A. Phelps



Boston

Ms.

do not believe they will attempt any
great enterprise until they
receive more kind & practical en-
couragement from abolitionists in
more quarters. No say, & do not
~~do~~ ^{we} have ability, & do nothing.

Simultaneously with your letter on this
subject, I received one from Alden, con-
taining a description, and great promises
collected \$200. in his field! Where,
in the name of humanity & sense,
shall we collect money? I
cannot write but I tell about it.

Yours truly

John Leavitt

thing in the way out of which we
can make abolition capital.
I had laid the matter before our
Committee, & prepared a memorial
& circulars, & was about going to get
some copies made, when I thought it
better to catch the horse before I rode
him, & you have the result.

Your suggestions with regard to
the ~~British~~ ^{British} people are duly weighed,
& highly valued. Where shall we
find the man? Garrison has talked
of going to Africa, but he has enlisted
as a partner of the ~~the~~ ^{the} Board,
& will have nothing to do with the
cause unless it can be turned to
their account. Can you help us?

I also note your kind remarks
about the duty of our Committee
to ~~examine~~ ^{examine} with ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ their constitution-
ality. It is very well, but what am
I to do in case the Com. do not examine
this with? You know something of our
Committee, & you know that I have
not any notable personal influence
that I can inspire with into them. I

Rev. Joshua Leavitt

Aug. 19. 1841.

Wm. Aug. 19 '41
Dear Mr. Briggs.

I have enquired of Bro. Brigham about this story - it is an old one - Gurley tried four years ago to have the Board or Bible Soc. take hold of it & defend the will or compromise with the heins, but they always refused to have any thing to do with it, & have never taken the slightest step about it, & now the Council have at last broken the will, & there is the end of it. It is very unhappy that such stories get into our papers. It embroyles those of us who value a reputation for careful veracity, & it destroys our whole credibility. I have been more tried by these careless blundering statements of Ward, Stanton, L. L. Zuckerman, Wm. Briggs, Garrison, &c. than by almost any thing else. The pains I have taken to ~~verify~~ verify a story exactly, before telling it, can be little appreciated by people generally, but will one day be found of some advantage to our cause.

Under these circumstances, I submit to you whether there is any